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MATSUI SECURES \$1.15 MILLION FOR SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced today the House of Representatives approved \$1.15 million in federal funding for community and infrastructure development projects in Sacramento. The funding was included in the FY 2004 omnibus appropriations bill.

Sacramento will receive \$175,000 to construct the Oakdale Community Center. The center will work with local law enforcement, social services, churches and non-profit agencies to provide a variety of educational and job training services, as well as family and community enrichment programs. This is a joint project between the Arcade Creek Recreation and Park District and the Rio Linda Union School District.

"The new community center will create valuable education opportunities, greatly benefiting both children and adults in the Oakdale community," Matsui said.

Goodwill Industries of Sacramento, Inc. will receive \$175,000 to construct a new community-training center and retail store in the city of Sacramento. The new center will provide 40 retail and 5 administrative jobs to area residents. In addition, the Goodwill center will offer adult education, English language classes, job training and job placement services for people with disabilities.

"Goodwill provides valuable job services for the disadvantage, breaking down barriers to employment," Matsui said. "Building the new Goodwill center is an excellent investment in the community."

Sacramento will also receive \$800,000 to continue renovating the city's sewer system under the Sacramento Combined Sewer Systems Improvement and Rehabilitation Project. Sacramento's sewers are more than 100 years old. This project modernizes and expands the existing sewer system. The funding will also be used to construct a new pipeline to accommodate storm water and sanitary wastewater, an additional sewage storage facility and a new in-line storage project.

"Rehabilitating Sacramento's sewer system will protect public health and improve water quality," Matsui said

The omnibus appropriations bill must now be passed by the Senate and signed by the President.